

REMARKS

Examiner Duverne and Attorney Asmus have conducted informal telephone communication in an effort to facilitate and expedite the present application. Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Duverne for his cooperation in this regard.

Statement of the Substance of the Interview (MPEP713.04)

As noted in 37 CFR 1.133, the Applicant may be required to make the Substance of the Interview of record in the application file.

- 1) A telephonic interview was conducted on Aug. 25, 2006 between Attorney Asmus and Examiner Jean Duverne. Applicant thanks the Examiner for courtesy of the interview.
- 2) It was discussed and tentatively agreed to amend claim 1 and claim 3 to include the features of claim 5; and claims 5 and 13-22 would be canceled.
- 3) It was tentatively agreed that such amendment would place the application in condition for allowance.

The present application has a lengthy history including re-creation of the Patent Office records. A brief history includes: first office dated 10/1/1998 for which a response was filed 4/1/1999 amending certain claims and canceling claims 21-22; final office action of 10/16/1999 indicated claims 8-12 were allowed, and claims 1-7 and 13-20 were rejected. Applicant filed CPA 12/10/1999 which was not properly entered and resulted in abandonment. Subsequent Petition to Revive, Request for Reconsideration, and Reconstruction of the file eventually resulted in the Petition being granted to revive the application.

Claims 1-20 are pending. Per discussions with Examiner Duverne, Applicant herein proffers amended claims 1 and 3 and cancels claims 5 and 13 - 22.

Applicant believes the above amendments place this application in condition for allowance. No new matter is added. Applicant requests speedy reconsideration, and further

requests that Examiner contact its attorney by telephone, facsimile, or email for quickest resolution, if there are any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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